

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016
NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 945.](#)

By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Schley County Utilities Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4204), so as to modify provisions related to appointment of authority members; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 946.](#)

By Representatives Spencer of the 180th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the qualifying times for nonpartisan municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 947.](#)

By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Echols County; to identify the authorized uses of said technology fee; to provide for the maintenance of said technology fee funds; to authorize collaboration of the clerk of the Probate Court of Echols County with the finance director of Echols County; to provide for reports of income and expenditures; to provide for fund history reviews; to provide for lowering of the amount of said technology fee; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 948.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-9-90 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to application fee required for transfer consideration, so as to revise the application fee paid to the Department of Community Supervision or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles by nonindigent adult offenders when applying to transfer supervision to any other state or territory; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 949.](#)

By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal use of financial transaction cards, and Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to revise a definition; to revise provisions of law relating to government purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the issuance of government

purchasing cards and government credit cards; to provide for the conditions for such issuance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 950.](#)

By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Benton of the 31st, Abrams of the 89th, Chandler of the 105th, Hugley of the 136th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a relative search by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, so as to specify additional information to be provided in the notice to certain individuals identified in a diligent search conducted as part of a dependency proceeding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 951.](#)

By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Powell of the 171st, Abrams of the 89th, Dickey of the 140th, Smyre of the 135th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to create a new exemption for admissions to major sporting events; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 952.](#)

By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Rogers of the 10th, Coomer of the 14th, and Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating professions and businesses, so as to enact the "Georgia Professional Regulation Reform Act"; to provide for executive oversight of licensing boards; to establish state policy for the regulation of certain professions and businesses; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

[HB 953.](#)

By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 165th, Howard of the 124th, Frazier of the 126th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to require annual safety inspections of day-care centers, family day-care homes, and group day-care homes; to require record keeping of annual inspections; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 954.](#)

By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Cooper of the 43rd, Abrams of the 89th, England of the 116th, Trammell of the 132nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to guardian and ward, so as to enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 955.](#)

By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Fludd of the 64th, and Mabra of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Fayette County, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2431), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3399), so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 956.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Harrell of the 106th, Carter of the 175th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by music, film, television, or interactive entertainment production companies related to the incorporation of a recorded musical performance that was written, created, arranged, recorded, or synchronized in this state into a state certified production; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 957.](#)

By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Bentley of the 139th, and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cost and compensation regarding the probate courts, so as to require that the judges and clerks of the probate courts publicly post notice of the availability of the affidavit of indigence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 958.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Willard of the 51st, Golick of the 40th, Raffensperger of the 50th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4054), so as to provide for the term of the member appointed by the mayor; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 959.](#)

By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Coleman of the 97th, Nix of the 69th, Clark of the 101st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to update and clarify certain provisions relating to K-12 education; to revise a provision relating to conflicts of interest of local board of education members; to provide that students who earn certain grades in dual enrollment courses in core subjects are exempt from taking end-of-course assessments for such courses; to authorize the sharing of data for certain program evaluation purposes; to provide for an annual review of tuition for the Georgia Virtual School; to eliminate a restriction on the Office of Student Achievement's authority to establish a nonprofit corporation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 960.](#)

By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Sims of the 123rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Harrell of the 106th, Houston of the 170th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state administration and collection of revenue, so as to provide for confidentiality of certain tax information; to provide for an interest rate on delinquent payments that adjusts to reflect changes in the prime rate; to adjust the penalties for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes to offset the reduction in interest rate; to make distribution of penalties equitable between taxing jurisdictions; to provide for additional procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for notice to political subdivisions upon the filing of certain tax refund requests; to provide for confidentiality of taxpayer information; to provide for automatic transfer to the Georgia Tax Tribunal in certain cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 961.](#)

By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st, Sharper of the 177th, and Bennett of the 94th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to social services, so as to authorize units of state government to provide all subsidies available to kinship caregivers or to the children in their care based on the eligibility of such children and not on the income or age of the kinship caregiver; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 962.](#)

By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Dempsey of the 13th, Benton of the 31st, Hugley of the 136th, Sharper of the 177th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Human Services generally, so as to provide for the creation, appointment, removal, and duties of a kinship care enforcement administrator; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 963.](#)

By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 136th, Willard of the 51st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child custody proceedings, so as to repeal the "Power of Attorney for the Care of a Minor Child Act"; to provide a short title; to provide for a nonlegal custodian to give legal consent for a child in his or her custody to receive medical or educational services for which parental consent is usually required; to provide an affidavit form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 964.](#)

By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Frazier of the 126th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to require the local election superintendent to notify the local school superintendent of the date of the primary election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 965.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Smyre of the 135th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Greene of the 151st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide that no health benefit plan shall require an insured to fail to successfully respond to a drug or drugs for stage four advanced, metastatic cancer prior to the approval of a drug prescribed by his or her physician; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 966.](#)

By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Buckner of the 137th, Willard of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Quick of the 117th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to provide for a buffer along all state waters to be measured outward from the ordinary high water mark and within which certain land-disturbing activities are prohibited; to provide for purposes and legislative intent; to provide for uniformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HB 967.](#)

By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "Macon Water Commissioners - Pension Plan," approved December 30, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, p. 2831), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5637), so as to modify provisions related to termination of employment before retirement; to modify provisions related to direct rollovers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
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[HR 1311.](#)

By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Casas of the 107th, Clark of the 101st, Bentley of the 139th, Kelley of the 16th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on College Course Credit; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1312.](#)

By Representatives Sims of the 123rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Coomer of the 14th, Clark of the 101st, Dunahoo of the 30th, and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the change of use of certain property located in Houston County currently dedicated as a heritage preserve; authorizing the granting of a nonexclusive easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through certain state owned real property located in Houston County; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PROPERTIES

[HR 1313.](#)

By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Frazier of the 126th, Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Scott of the 76th, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging local boards of education to avoid scheduling any high school graduation or matriculation ceremonies or commencements on the same day that the general primary election is held; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION